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## Principal's Message

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Mr. Hildebrand, our  
Principal



Mr. Parker, our  
Vice-Principal



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### Secretaries:

Mrs. Suderman local: 1000  
Mrs. Swadden local: 1001  
Mrs. Mangat local: 1002

### Counselor:

Mr. Abernethy local: 1107

### One-to-One program:

David Ennis local: 1120

We are well settled into the second semester as all the course changes have taken place and staff and students are settling into the routines of the last half of the year. Our basketball seasons have finished and we had some moderate success fielding increasingly competitive teams. Spring league is about to start up for some of our girls who may be interested. A big thank-you to our coaches, Mrs. VanDalsen, Mr. Barden, Mr. Currie and parents Mr. Vandervelden and Mr. Baye who have contributed significant time and energy to provide this opportunity for our students.

Mr. Abernathy, our counselor, and several of our teachers including Mr. Laity, our athletic director, and Mr. Ennis our Band and Technology coordinator visited with the Gr. 8's at ATMS this past week and had a great time connecting and doing course planning for them for next year. We are very encouraged by the number who are planning to attend ATSS next year. At a quick glance it would appear that we will grow by about 100 students next year again to about 500 in total for the High School. We will begin course planning for our own students this next week. You son or daughter should bring a course planning form home with them for you to review and sign before they return it. If you don't see one in the next two weeks please ask them as it needs your signature to confirm their choices. If you have any questions don't hesitate to contact Mr. Abernathy.

I want to let parents know of the upcoming informational meeting for Gr. 8 parents on March 4 at 7:30 pm. Initially I had suggested a separate meeting with them in February but as they were already scheduled to meet at the Middle School it seemed more practical to add our informational meeting on the end of their prescheduled meeting. We will be reviewing programs here at ATSS and fielding any questions they may have. So if you know of any Gr. 8 parents who do not have any students with us currently please pass this information on to them.

I need to make some comments about fees and textbooks. There are a number of students who still have not paid their school fees. These fees have been authorized by both the province and the School Board for this year. If you have not already done so, please forward them to the office as we do depend on them to supplement many of the things we do here at ATSS. As well this year we have a large number of textbooks which have not been returned by the students at the end of this last semester. Textbooks account for our single largest item expense in school. As some are now over \$100 it is crucial that students return all texts. We did send home invoices for those that were missing and if you can please check with your son or daughter to ensure all texts are returned. As we had enough originally for our students we are now in a situation where we are short in some subjects. If you see any lying around the house please have them brought back for us. Thank-you.

### GRADE 9 IMMUNIZATIONS

**Our Health Nurses will be in the building for the Tetanus and Diphtheria shots on February 19<sup>th</sup>. We have had many forms not yet returned, and thus the choice of immunization will fall on the student.**

**Please send  
back your forms as soon as possible.**



### STUDENT FEE PAYMENT NEEDED:

Please ensure that your child's student activity fee of \$30.00 is paid up to date. The Student Activity Fee of \$30.00 is to cover costs of student agenda's, guest speakers, student cards, school events, student recognition, student leadership, lock and locker rental. If payment has not been paid, please have your child bring cash/cheque to the office **ASAP** to update records. **For further question, please contact Mrs. Mangat, Accounting Clerk (Available, Mon, Tue, Wed from 9:00am-1:00pm). Thank you for your co-operation.**





**Faculty:**  
**Dept Heads:** **Local**  
 Mr. Fedyna Math/Science #3256  
 Mrs. Neufeldt Humanities #3137  
 Mr. Ennis Perf Arts/Tech #1120  
 Mr. Laity PE #5107  
 Mr. Abernethy/Student/Ldrshp #1107

**Teaching Staff**  
 Mr. Barden #1103  
 Mr. Currie #3252  
 Mrs. Faber #3256  
 Ms. Flagg #3140  
 Mr. Friesen #3138  
 Ms. Hunt #5107  
 Mrs. Kehoe #3134  
 Mr. Lane #3248  
 Ms. McColl #1116  
 Mr. Macphail #5173  
 Mrs. Mihalech #3240  
 Mr. Hill #3235  
 Ms. Vandalfsen #3136  
 Mrs. VanKleeck #3237

**Learning Assistance** #3135  
 Mrs. Collins  
 Mrs. Hiebert  
 Mrs. Silzer  
 Mrs. Botkin

**Library** #3152  
 Ms. Malmas

**Cafeteria** #5169  
 Mrs. Isaak

**International Rep** #1110  
 Mr. Kim

**Youth Worker** #3255  
 Darlene Rayburn

Remember: We are on the web!



Please remember to phone the office if your student is going to be late or absent. Thankyou!

**Project Help Mexico 2009**  
**Interested in the Spring Break Trip to Mexico?**  
**Willing to spend a week of humanitarian services?**  
 Project Help Mexico is a building program organized by Childcare Worldwide. Teams of volunteers fundraise and then build homes for families living near Tijuana, Mexico. Families are chosen from the Childcare Worldwide Sponsorship Program based on need. If you are interested in participate in this trip, see Mrs. Yankov (room C141) and ask her for an application form.



# GRADUATION 2008 INFO

Please see Mrs. Faber's website for detailed information regarding grad fees and fundraising. <http://faber.thain.ca>

### ATSS Calendar Ad Space

Attention Parents: Its back!!! And better than ever!!! With a new grad class comes a new grad calendar. This is your first opportunity to take part in the biggest grad fundraiser of the year. Simultaneously support the 2008 graduating class and promote your business venture. Many advertising slots are available for purchase throughout the calendar that will successfully create publicity for your company for the duration of an entire month. Calendars will be distributed throughout the traditional community of ATMS and ATSS students and are an exceptional advertisement option.

For more information, feel free to contact Lindsay Faber via email. [Lindsay\\_faber@sd34.bc.ca](mailto:Lindsay_faber@sd34.bc.ca)



## News from the Counseling Dept.

Course Planning: It is that time a year again where our students will be involved in course planning for the 2008/2009 year. Course planning for our grade 8 students at ATMS will take place the week of February 11/08, and for students at ATSS the week of February 18/08. Students will be bringing home a course selection form during those times. Please take time to sit down with your child and help them with their choices in this very important process. Factors involved in making excellent choices are: what courses do I need to take to graduate, what courses do I need to take to meet college/university entrance requirements, what courses do I have an interest in, what courses match my skill set, and there are many more. Due dates to have the forms back to the school will be on the bottom of the form.

For more information please go to: [http://abbynet.sd34.bc.ca/~colin\\_abernethy/atssstudentservicessite/courseplanning.htm](http://abbynet.sd34.bc.ca/~colin_abernethy/atssstudentservicessite/courseplanning.htm). If you have any questions please contact Mr. Abernethy at ATSS.

### UCFV Entrance Scholarships (Attention ATSS Grads)

UCFV President's Entrance Scholarship: 4 awards valued at \$4000 per year over 4 years for a total of \$16,000-Application deadline: April 11/08  
UCFV Excellence Entrance Scholarship: 31 awards valued at \$3000-Application deadline: April 11/08

For more information and to download an application go to [http://abbynet.sd34.bc.ca/~colin\\_abernethy/atssstudentservicessite/financialaid.htm](http://abbynet.sd34.bc.ca/~colin_abernethy/atssstudentservicessite/financialaid.htm)

Any questions please see Mr. Abernethy

### Beat the Mosquito Challenge (ATSS Leadership)

We are excited about the challenge of raising \$1000 to help the people of Liberia and Rwanda in preventing Malaria. The money will go to purchase mosquito nets (nets cost \$10 each). For more information please read the poster. More info to follow.





## ATSS School Year Calendar

Computer Help Schedule  
2007-08 Semester TwoLocation: Room S120  
Teachers: Mr. Macphail and Mr. EnnisMonday  
After SchoolTuesday  
Lunch  
Block A1 Period 4  
After SchoolWednesday  
Block B1 Period 1  
Block A2 Period 5  
After SchoolThursday  
Block B1 Period 4Friday  
Block A2 Period 1  
Block B2 Period 2  
Lunch  
After School

Note - Students will need teacher permission during class time.

February 1	Semester Turnaround Day
February 8	Report Cards go home
February 8	Fear Factor/Non Uniform Day
February 15	Non Instructional Day
February 18	Course Planning Week
February 19	TAC Meeting
February 19	Grade 9 Immunizations
March 11	TAC Meeting
March 14	Crazy Shirt Day
March 17-21	Spring Vacation
March 21	Good Friday
March 24	Easter Monday
March 25	Day in lieu of Good Friday
March 26-28	Days in Lieu – Not in session
March 31	School Reopens
April 11	UCFV Scholarship Deadline
April 16 & 17	Early Dismissal Days
April 18	Non Instructional Day
April 22	TAC Meeting
April 24	Report Cards go home
April 24	Parent/Teacher interviews
May 5	Café Night Concert
May 8	SS Fair
May 16	Prom 6-12 @ Hazelmere
May 19	Victoria Day
May 20	TAC Meeting
May 30	Convocation and Dry Grad
June 17	Awards Ceremony
June 19 & 20	In School Exams
June 18-26	Provincial Exams
June 27	Year End Closing

**GET YOUR PICTURES IN THE YEARBOOK**

The Yearbook Staff invites students and parents to submit photos for the yearbook. If you've got great photos of school and community events or you and your friends just having fun, we'd like to see them.

Here is how you can submit photo's online.

Log onto: [images.jostens.com](http://images.jostens.com)

Enter Login ID: 300813745

Password: yearbook08

- Browse to select the photo(s) you wish to upload, click on "Image Share".
- Enter information about the photo and provide contact information in case the staff needs additional information.
- Click "Save Details".

It's that easy! Submit your photos today!

The Yearbook Staff will review all photos and determine final yearbook content. We cannot guarantee that all submission can be used in the book.

Student Leadership Activities: to view planned activities click on our event calendar:

[http://abbynet.sd34.bc.ca/~colin\\_abernethy/atssstudentservicesite/leadershipteam.htm](http://abbynet.sd34.bc.ca/~colin_abernethy/atssstudentservicesite/leadershipteam.htm)

**User Pay Bussing Forms for 08/09**

**Pre-registration forms are now available in the main office if your student needs user pay bussing for next year. They should be completed and handed in no later than May 15<sup>th</sup>.**

Fraser Valley Child Development Centre is offering a FREE education course for parents/relatives living with children with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum and Related Disorders "The Journey Through Fetal Alcohol Spectrum and Related Disorders"

7 consecutive Monday nights - January 21 – March 3, 2008

6:30-9:00 p.m.

#105-32868 Ventura Avenue Abbotsford

Contact Leona Fountain @ 604-852-2686 ext 246 for more information or to register

**Adidas Large Gym Bags**

**For sale at the ATMS office. \$35.00 each  
Printed with "Abbotsford Traditional"  
on the top. A great item that  
will last a long time.**

**How to Access your student's marks.**

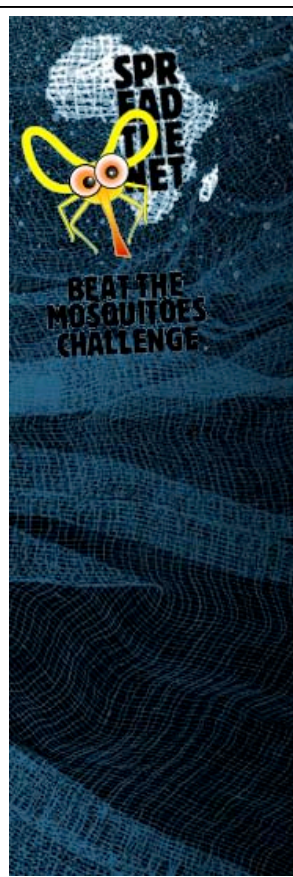
Use our [atss.ca](http://atss.ca) website for easy access to your student's marks and missing assignments. Simply log onto [atss.ca](http://atss.ca) and select "Online Marks", there you will see the teachers "Classwords" for your student's individual classes. There is a direct link to mygradebook where you will enter the classword and your student's 9-digit PEN number. This can be accessed at any time and is a great way for parents to stay aware of their student's academic progress. If you are unaware of your student's PEN number, simply call the school's office and our secretaries will be glad to give it to you.



### Japan Trip Non-Dress Code Day

Date: March 14<sup>th</sup>

Students can wear jeans and a crazy shirt all day. Bring a toonie to do so, and the proceeds go towards the Japan Trip.



**SPREAD THE NET**

**BEAT THE MOSQUITOES CHALLENGE**

#### ABOUT THE BEAT THE MOSQUITOES CHALLENGE

##### What is Spread the Net?

Spread the Net is a campaign, a movement, a manifesto. Founded by Belinda Stronach and Rick Mercer following their trip to Africa in 2005, Spread the Net is a campaign designed in partnership with UNICEF Canada as a simple and affordable solution to the devastating impacts of malaria.

Malaria (link) is the single leading cause of death of children under the age of five in Africa. In fact, every 30 seconds a child dies of malaria – that's almost 3,000 children a day. But the goal of Spread the Net is to change this.

##### What is the Beat the Mosquitoes Challenge?

High School students and other young Canadians are invited to join the Spread the Net Beat the Mosquitoes Challenge and help raise funds for the purchase of insecticide-treated bed nets for [Liberia](#) and [Rwanda](#) – two nations struggling in the fight against malaria.

One insecticide-treated bed net costs only \$10. Just think about it: \$10 buys a couple of lattes, an album on iTunes or a trip to the movies. Or it can help to save a life. Treated bed nets have been shown to reduce malaria transmission by at least 50 percent and deaths of children under five by up to 25 percent!

##### The Goal:

We are challenging young Canadians to raise enough money by March 2008 to contribute another 50,000 long-lasting insecticide-treated bed nets to children and pregnant women in Liberia and Rwanda. With the help of students just like you, we can reach this goal, make a difference and save lives!

Provincial Exams results will be posted on the ministry website on March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Students will need their PEN #, Surname and Date of Birth, to sign in. They are encouraged to create an account prior to March 6<sup>th</sup>.

#### Student Secure Web



Get your  
Exam Results

Go to [www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams) and click on "Student Secure Web". Choose "Create Account", or "Log-in to Account", to access marks.